



Harlington Upper School

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*** Harlington Upper School Ski Trip - February Half Term 2022 ***

Dear Parent/ Carer

We plan to run a Ski Trip to **Obertauern, Austria from Friday 11th February 2022 – Saturday 19th February 2022**. This is a trip open to students in all year groups and is intended as a great opportunity for students to gain experience in a very different environment from school and to face challenges that improve their resilience, confidence, self-esteem and physical health. Whilst learning to Ski!

As the trip will be undertaken during the February half term week 2022 it will not impact on students' lesson time.

The total cost will be around **£1195** which includes:

- Return coach transport.
- Return ferry crossing from Dover – Calais
- Full board accommodation
- 6 days lift pass
- 6 x 5 hours ski lessons on a 1:10 instructor ratio
- 6 days hire of carving skis, boots and poles
- Ski helmets
- Snow guarantee (piste closure insurance)
- Fully comprehensive insurance (exclusions may apply):
 - 24 hour medical service
 - Ski loss or breakage insurance
 - Personal money and loss of travel documents cover
 - Parental redundancy cover
 - Third party liability cover for all party leaders
- HTS Resort Management
 - Local managers, highly trained and native to your host country

Should you wish your son/daughter to come there is a payment plan available to spread the cost. The first date and subsequent deposits below are vital to securing the trip at the price agreed with the tour operator.

First deposit of £150.00 by Monday 15th March 2021
Second deposit of £150.00 by Monday 19th April 2021
Third deposit of £150 by Monday 17th May 2021
Final balance to be paid by Monday 25th October 2021

Payments can be made online through ParentPay.

NB (1): the deposits are forwarded to the travel company and cannot be refunded.

NB(2): There are only a limited number of spaces available on the trip. Therefore, the first 60 students to pay the deposit on ParentPay will be prioritised. If you find that the first 60 places have been paid but would still like your son/daughter to come on the trip please contact me.

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You will also need to complete a consent form and to return this **in an email** with the deposit paid as above. This consent form has been issued with this letter.

A payment of regular instalments has been organised for those who wish to spread the cost of the trip. You are more than welcome to pay the whole balance of £1195 in one instalment if you wish although the £150 deposit is the most critical deadline now. Alternatively you can pay the first and second deposits and then follow the instalment plan below:

	Amount	Deadline
Deposit	£150	Monday 15th March 2021
2nd Deposit	£150	Monday 19th April 2021
3rd Deposit	£150	Monday 17th May 2021
1st Instalment	£250	Monday 5th July 2021
2nd Instalment	£250	Monday 13th September 2021
3rd Instalment	£245	Monday 25th October 2021

IMPORTANT NOTICE

It is important that safety is paramount during the journey and at the ski resort. Risks include:

- Exposure to weather and the elements – the temperature in Obertauern can fall as low as -20°C overnight.
- Straying from designated safe areas in the hotel and on the mountain.
- Alpine sport risks
 - Skiing/Snowboarding
 - Use of ski lifts
 - Other users of the mountain
 - Inclement weather
- Usual hazards of travel by Coach and Ferry.
 - Incidents/Accidents
 - Security

The most important way that students' safety is ensured is by insisting on the highest standards of conduct and compliance with staff instructions.

Taking into account the risks mentioned above, we reserve the right to refuse students a place on the trip where their **current** behaviour record shows a regular failure to follow rules and instructions or their behaviour is disruptive or irresponsible. This will be communicated to any relevant student's parents in a letter and their deposit returned.

If you have any questions please do contact me.

Yours sincerely



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PARENTAL CONSENT FORM – PLEASE RETURN BY Monday 15th March with the first deposit (£150)

Visit to: **Obertauern, Austria** Date: **Friday 11th February – Saturday 19th February 2022**

Group Leader: **Mr Ben Clark**

Before signing this Consent Form it is important that you understand:

- 1 That whilst the supervisory adults in charge of the group will take all reasonable care of the young person, neither they, nor the Local Authority, can necessarily be held liable in respect of loss of or damage to the property of or injury suffered by the young person arising out of the educational visit or journey, unless such loss, damage or injury results from the negligence of Harlington Upper School, its employees or official volunteers, and
- 2 The extent and limitations of the insurance cover provided (Statement of Insurance on school website)
- 3 You agree to your child receiving medication as instructed and any emergency dental, medical or surgical treatment, including anaesthetic or blood transfusion, as considered necessary by the medical authorities present. In all cases, every effort will be made to contact parents in the first instance so long as time allows

Please retain this section for your future reference

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Deposit Payment – Harlington Upper School Ski Trip – February Half Term 2022

*To be returned at the latest by **Monday 15th March 2021***

I give full consent for my son/daughter to attend the Ski Trip to Obertauern, Austria during February Half Term 2022. I understand the trip will cost **£1195** and additional 'spending' money will be required where not stated above.

I have paid **£150/ other £**_____ as a **non-refundable** deposit for the Harlington Upper School Ski Trip online using ParentPay

Does your child have any special medical needs? (please continue on reverse of slip if necessary)

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Student Name: _____ Tutor group _____

Parent/Carer Name: _____

Parent/Carer signature: _____

Date: _____